



Qualicum Beach Elementary School

"We are a nurturing community!"

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Parents' Newsletter #3 – September 29, 2009

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

Staff Report

Thank you for attending our "Meet the Teacher Night" last Thursday evening. The hallways echoed with the sounds of students sharing comments that reflected pride in their school. They like their school! We trust you found the evening meaningful and rewarding. Thanks again for visiting our school.

September is nearly over! Autumn is here! October will bring individual photos; our first hot lunch day; visits from the Fire Department; Constable Nicholson, our RCMP liaison officer will talk with our grade 1-3 students about using our WITS. See contest at bottom of page.

Our foyer has student work samples that mirrors the book "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" Students learned that sharing kind, respectful thoughts with others fills buckets, lots of buckets with goodness! Testimonials from students include

- Hi my name is Mikaela and I filled a bucket by giving Ms. Baynton a hug.
- Hi my name is Elijah and I filled Mrs. Devito's bucket by saying she is the greatest teacher who ever taught me.
- Hi my name is Theresa and I filled Mr. Boate's bucket by saying he was a really nice teacher.
- Hi my name is Willow and I filled my best friends' bucket by playing with her every day.
- Hi my name is Anwyn I filled my mom and dad's bucket by giving them a hug and saying they were the best mom and dad.

Geometry will be the learning focus for 6 Wednesday afternoons starting on October 7th. Students will be working on learning outcomes for their grade level. To make this be the most successful learning experience for the students, we are inviting parents to join us for these fun learning activities. Until the next time.....

Lifetouch Picture Day

On **Wednesday, Oct 14th**, Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos. Envelopes have been sent home today. The school office has additional envelopes, if needed. Your order and exact payment must be given to the photographer on **Wednesday, Oct 14th** otherwise your child's photo will be taken for school records only. Lifetouch Photo will return in 2-3 weeks to do retakes and take photos of students who were absent. If you have 3 or more children in this school district, there is a family discount and please check the photo envelope for more information concerning this discount.

Welcome VIU Student Teachers:

We'd like to welcome student teachers to our school; Mr. Wierenga is in Mr. Prosser's class. Ms. Norman is in Mrs. Williams's class. Ms. Carrothers is in Ms. Baynton's class. They are here for this week and will be with us throughout the year until the end of May. Actual dates are posted on our website.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Oct 1	Constable Nick visits Grades 1, 2 and 3
Oct 2	Mother Goose (Library) at 10:30 am
Oct 6	Fire Prevention Week – Fire Department visits all classes
Oct 7	Cultural Performance 10:50 AM parents welcome
Oct 12	Thanksgiving
Oct 14	Lifetouch Photo Day – individual photo forms will be sent home soon today
Oct 14	PAC meeting in the Library at 6:30
Oct 22	Hot Lunch – Pizza
Oct 23	Provincial Professional Development Day – No School
Oct 30	School Based Professional Development Day – No School
Oct	Public Day at Munchkinland Mon/Wed/Thurs 9am-12pm
Oct	School Choir – Lunch hour every Monday (everyone welcome)
Oct	Youth Choir - Monday after school in the Music Room. See Ms. Shaw

Student Verification Forms

Thank you to those of you who have returned the Student Verification form. There are still a few outstanding. To ensure accurate records, and as part of our emergency plan, your attention to this matter is crucial. If you need a new form, please let the office know and we will print one for you.

A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Restorative Practices can provide you with cooperative interventions to use effectively with your children, your peers, and in your life as a whole.

Is gaining cooperation with others a goal that seems elusive?

Restorative Practices presents a model that will help you develop new skills and possibilities in your relationships with others.

The District Restorative Justice Committee would like to offer an introductory training in restorative processes and practices. During the last few years, the RJ Committee has provided four such training opportunities with over forty district teachers and educational assistants participating. Participants have found the training valuable and transformative both personally and professionally. This year we would like to offer this training to the parents and staff of our school community. The fall training session will consist of 3 two hour sessions along with suggested reading material, and is limited to 12 participants.

The concepts introduced draw on the work of Diane Chelsom-Gossem and locally developed materials from the restorative justice training in our district.

For more information or to register for the **sessions please contact David Osborn or Darcy Dalgaard.**

Dates: Monday, Oct. 19, 26, and Nov. 2.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00

Location: Arrowview Elementary

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Community News will now be communicated through our district website.

Please check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca for updated community news. Community activities and events will be added to this web link continually through the school year.

CONTEST

What does using our WITS mean?

W is _____

I is _____

T is _____

S is _____

“..guess what... when you fill someone’s bucket, you fill your own bucket too! You feel good when you help others feel good.”